

*24 Relocation*

## C O N F I D E N T I A L

GULF BUREAU COVERAGE TRANSFERS

Based on current capabilities at bureaus, but including capabilities of Nicosia Bureau ROSET, scheduled for construction.

<u>CURRENT COVERAGE</u> (Major sources)	<u>PROPOSED ALTERNATE</u> <u>COVERAGE SITE</u>	<u>COMMENT/IMPACT</u>
<u>IRAN</u> (Shared with LD/BBC)		
National Broadcasts	LD/BBC	Amount of new coverage minimal (10 min). But loss of Gulf's backstopping will impact on reliability of coverage. LD/BBC currently solicits almost daily phone feeds of casts on LD's primary coverage. Islamabad has limited reception of Tehran DS with present antennas.
International Broadcasts	Jordan (Arabic), LD/BBC (Russian, Pashto), Tel Aviv (Turkish)	4 hr/day of Arabic now on coverage, including 80 min Class A. Russian, Pashtoto LD via Islamabad, on delayed basis.
Press Agency	Nicosia	IRNA Arabic, 2.5 hours per day.
Regional Broadcasts	Lost (3.5 hr/day from 9 stations)	Islamabad can hear almost no regional stations. Bushehr relay of Tehran is major backstop when Tehran DS unmonitorable.
Television	Nicosia	Reported to be on Intelsat satellite on KU-band. Nicosia could monitor via ROSET if equipped with KU-band capacity.
Newspapers (3 Class A, 1 Class B, 1 Class C)	PMU	Some additional time lag, possibly 5-10 days.

SAUDI ARABIA

Radios	Jordan	Jeddah casts will be lost (85 min/day). This should not be serious as main news items will be available from Riyadh DS and Saudi Press Agency..
Press Agency	Nicosia or LD/BBC	Available via satellite (Arabsat). LD can get landline via REUTERS.
Television	Nicosia or LD/BBC	Available via satellite (Arabsat). One 30-min cast per day
Newspapers (2 dailies)	Jordan	Available in Amman with 1-2 day lag in receipt.

IRAQ (Jordan already has majority of coverage)

Radio	Jordan	One 20-min cast daily. JN may have a little loss in reception quality.
Television	Loss	Not on satellite. Not seen by any other bureau. Current coverage 75 minutes per day.

USSR

International (Persian)	Nicosia (LD/BBC could do if SA feed available)	Class A . NC now does weekdays; GF 1 hr/day on weekends because Nicosia has only 1 Persian monitor. Transfer of at least 1 GF monitor desirable.
Regionals (7.5 hrs/day from 6 stations)	TA, LD/BBC (via Islamabad feed)	Azeri, Uzbek, Uighur could be taped and sent to TA. Russian, Armenian, Turkmen could be fed to LD/BBC. (TA has some reception of Baku Azeri cast)

SUDAN

Radio	East Africa Unit (or Nicosia via satellite)	Class A . EAU currently covers 2.5 hrs/day of Omdurman DS. Their processing is slower, but JN does SUNA, so flash material covered (GF now backstops SUNA). Both radio and TV (not now covered) known to be on Intelsat satellite.
-------	---	--

## C O N F I D E N T I A L

AFGHANISTAN

Radio	Bangkok	English to South Asia (90 min/day). BK had done this before Gulf Bureau was set up.
-------	---------	---

GULF STATES

Radios	Jordan (Nicosia for those on satellite)	2 hr 45 min per day. Some loss in reception quality for Bahrain, Doha, Oman, UAE radios. Bahrain known to be on Arabsat satellite.
Press Agencies	Jordan or Nicosia	WAKH on Arabsat satellite. Includes items from other Gulf countries' agencies (QNA, WAM, ONA)
Television	Nicosia	Manama, Oman TV known to be on satellite; others may join Arabsat.
Newspapers (13 dailies)	Jordan, PMU	1-2 day additional lag in receipt. One Oman, 1 Bahrain paper not available in JN.

YEMENS (including VOP)

Radios	Jordan with EAU help	Severe reception problems likely. Upgrade of JN antennas needed to take this coverage.
Press Agency	Jordan	Reception problems likely unless ADEN NEWS AGENCY goes to Arabsat. No known plans for this exist.
Newspaper (1 daily, Class A)	PMU or Jordan	Not available in Amman. Subscription may be possible.

CLANDESTINES

Six Clandestines (to Iran and Afghanistan)	Nicosia, Tel Aviv	Two Class A (Free Voice of Iran, Radio Iran) audible in Nicosia. Two audible in Tel Aviv (Voice of Liberation of Iran, Voice of Mojahedin). One other (Voice of Islamic Revolution of Afghanistan) audible in Islamabad, for feed to LD/BBC. Voice of AL-Ahvaz Revolution will be lost.
---	-------------------	---

PAKISTAN

Newspapers (8 dailies)	Bangkok	About 1 week more lag in reception. BK did these papers before Gulf was set up.
------------------------	---------	---

ISRAEL

Radio	Nicosia or Drop Cast	Jerusalem Russian (4 hr/week). NC has 2 Russian monitors
-------	----------------------	--

Notes: 1. Though there are an increasing number of Mideastern media using satellites, they are currently on several different satellites. This could present problems for Nicosia, which is scheduled to receive only one dish.

2. It will be necessary to upgrade receivers, and probably increase personnel, at Islamabad to enable it to relay the casts noted in this paper. It is likely that upgrading of its antennas would enable it to receive some Iranian regional stations and improve other reception.

3. The above coverage would constitute the following percentage increase in the coverage times (not translated wordage) of the receiving bureaus:

Jordan Bureau: 35% increase in Arabic broadcast coverage (101 hours per week) for a total of 392 hours. Press coverage will nearly double.

Nicosia Bureau: A. 98.6% increase in Arabic coverage (208 hours per week) for a total of 419 hours. Impact will be a bit less than at first glance, because 190 hours of this is press agency.

B. Persian coverage will increase 91% (32 hours per week) for a total of 67 hours.

Tel Aviv Bureau: Persian coverage will increase 666% (from 1.5 hr/wk to 11.5 hr/wk). Turkish workload will increase 12% (7 hr/wk) for a total of 65.5 hours..